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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

FOR CHARGE AND PICKERING FROM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

1. VERY DISTURBED BY WORD OF DETERIORATING PHYSICAL
CONDITION OF HARCOS AND FLETCHER AND THEIR DECISION
TO STOP FURTHER NASAL FEEDING.
2. WANT O'NEILL TO TELL THEM THAT USG IS MAKING VIGOROUS
COMPLAINT TO INDIAN AMBASSADOR, MAKING CLEAR IN NO
UNCERTAIN TERMS HOW UNHAPPY WE ARE WITH SHABBY WAY GOI
HAS TREATED THEM. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, THRUST OF OUR
PRESSURE WILL BE TO OBTAIN THEIR EARLY RELEASE FROM JAIL
AND A SPEEDY RPT SPEEDY TRIAL, HOPEFULLY WITH CONSULAR
ACCESS. WE AGREE THAT IN CAMERA PROCEEDINGS ARE UNFAIR
AND HAVE REGISTERED OUR PROTEST ABOUT THIS WITH GOI, BUT
WE SEE LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGING THIS GIVEN INDIAN LEGAL
SYSTEM WITHOUT RISKING FURTHER TIME-CONSUMING DELAY. OUR
MAIN CONCERN IN INTEREST THEIR HEALTH AND WELFARE IS TO
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WIND UP FULL PROCESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. FOR SAKE

THEIR HEALTH WE HOPE THEY WILL RESUME FEEDING AND ALSO
DOWN PLAY QUESTION OF IN CAMERA TRIAL. AS THEY REQUESTED

DEPARTMENT IS NOTIFYING THEIR ATTORNEY ABOUT STATE OF
THEIR HEALTH AND REASONS WHY THEY ARE ON HUNGER STRIKE.
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